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Proposed Participation of GLOMER and UTILITY in
Contractual Agreement Discussion

1. In the morning of 13 February 1952, GLOMER's LORNER called at my office and told me that he and UTILITY had had a talk with GLOMER about the quadripartite discussions on the Contractual Agreements. According to GLOMER, the Federal Government intends to place the spokesman of the German delegation, Dr. WOLFF, by GLOMER who will be assisted by UTILITY. However, GLOMER would prefer to have the Allies propose this substitution rather than the Federal Government, i.e. GLOMER. LORNER thought that UTILITY would be the logical adviser for GLOMER on the delicate intelligence questions now under discussion and prevailed upon me to have the Americans put this proposal as much as possible. I told LORNER that I had attended several of these quadripartite meetings and got the definite impression that the Allies were highly satisfied with the performance of WOLFF and his two consultants, GLOMER and GLOMER. Moreover, several important agreements had already been reached to the satisfaction of all the parties concerned. GLOMER was also given to understand that all the members of the allied delegations were in the employ of their respective governments and that the introduction of a non-government member like UTILITY might be seriously questioned by the other Allies. I assured LORNER that I would discuss this proposal with the members of the American delegation and inform GLOMER of their decision.

2. Soon after lunch on the same day, GLOMER called and said he wished to see me on some urgent business. In the meantime, I was able to inform Herbert J. Hollins who is now of the American delegation, of LORNER's proposal and of GLOMER's urgent call. Hollins thought that the discussions were progressing quite satisfactorily and that the introduction of a new German spokesman would be more of a hindrance than an asset as he would have to be briefed on the previous talks. Hollins doubted very much that the British and particularly the French, would welcome the presence of UTILITY at those meetings, but, of course, there would be no objection to GLOMER or to any other German government expert. Hollins gave me a copy of the agreements that had already been reached and informed me of the various points that are still under discussion for the briefing of GLOMER.

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3. He arrived, I met GLOMKE at 1700 hours, and he informed me of a certain event that has no bearing on the above subject. Afterwards I told GLOMKE of LEBER's peculiar proposal and asked for his comment. He said he had a talk with Prof. LEBER, German delegate to the Rapoport Group on Contractual Agreements and it had been agreed to withdraw LEBER from the discussions in view of the latter's inexperience in matters concerning secret intelligence. GLOMKE thought that a man like UTILITY would be much more qualified to discuss these subjects, but as UTILITY, properly speaking, was not a member of the Federal Government, he, GLOMKE, would be led to front for him if the Allies had no objection. I reiterated to GLOMKE the statements I made to LEBER, emphasizing the fact that the Allies were entirely satisfied with the progress of the discussions held with the German delegation. I made it quite clear to GLOMKE that the Allies, under no circumstances, wished to give the impression that they were dissatisfied with the performance or objected to the presence of LEBER. GLOMKE assured me that he fully understood the situation and mentioned that he was a close friend of LEBER whom he originally recommended for the present position in the Ministry of Interior. I then let GLOMKE read an English copy of the secret agreements reached so far and informed him of the various points still under discussion. As far as UTILITY was concerned, I told GLOMKE that I was unable to express an opinion on the subject as I had not had sufficient time to inform the head of the American delegation who in turn would have to consult the other two Allies. GLOMKE replied that before he could take any decision he wished to consult the Chancellor on this matter. He asked me when the next meeting was to take place and I told him it was scheduled for the afternoon of 19 February. GLOMKE said he hoped to inform me of the Chancellor's decision before that date.

4. I had occasion to discuss the above meetings with LEBER and GLOMKE with [] who expressed strong objections to the presence of UTILITY at the quadripartite talks because he felt that UTILITY might pose a lot of irrelevant questions which would merely delay the progress of the talks. He also thought that the British and French would object to the presence of UTILITY at these meetings. [] I saw no objection to GLOMKE's presence in these discussions, but without UTILITY whom he could consult in private as he saw fit. I shall follow []'s recommendations at my next meeting with GLOMKE, but I have a feeling that GLOMKE was merely using his consultation with the Chancellor as a pretext for abandoning the whole project.

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